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# Annual Report

*of the*

Medical Officer of Health

*for*

1935

*together with the*

Report of the Sanitary Inspector

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REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1935

on the

Sanitary Conditions and  
Vital Statistics of the  
Sevenoaks Urban District

by the

Medical Officer of Health

Together with the Report of the  
Sanitary Inspector



## HEALTH REPORT FOR 1935.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1935, this being the thirteenth one presented by me as your Medical Officer of Health.

At the time of the Census in 1931 the population was 10,484, while the figure supplied by the Registrar-General for the estimated population at Mid-summer 1935 was 12,230. The number of inhabited houses in the District at the end of the year was 3,473.

There was a small decline in the Birth Rate for the year, being 12.1 as compared with 13.2 last year. This Rate, however, is slightly above the average for the past five years. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 14.7 in 1935, and 14.8 in 1934.

The Death Rate also showed a small decrease, viz.: 10.3 per thousand of population, as compared with 10.5 last year. The Death Rates for England and Wales were 11.7 in 1935, and 11.8 in 1934.

There was an increase in the Infantile Mortality Rate, this being 40 per thousand registered births, as against 38 last year. The Infantile Mortality Rates for England and Wales were 57 and 59 respectively.

The year was a very satisfactory one from the point of view of incidence of Infectious Disease, there being only 24 cases notified as compared with 70 in 1934.

I again desire to place on record my appreciation of the assistance I have received from the Council, and all its Officers with whom my work has brought me into contact. In particular I would specially record the services so loyally rendered by Mr. Gypps and the Health Visitor.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. N. CAVE,

Medical Officer of Health.

# Urban District Council of Sevenoaks

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W. J. GYPPS, C.R.S.I.

### Health Visitor :

Nurse M. E. POPPLETON until July; and subsequently

Nurse E. M. ALLIBONE.

## SECTION A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Area (in acres) ... ..                             | 3,720       |
| Registrar-General estimate of population, 1935 ... | 12,230      |
| Population, Census 1931 ... ..                     | 10,484      |
| Number of occupied houses, 1931 ... ..             | 2,824       |
| Number of occupied houses, 1935 ... ..             | 3,473       |
| Rateable Value ... ..                              | £139,950    |
| Sum represented by a penny rate ... ..             | £530        |
| Social conditions ... ..                           | Residential |

|                              | Total. | M. | F. |   |
|------------------------------|--------|----|----|---|
| Live Births { Legitimate ... | 144    | 67 | 77 | Birth Rate per 1,000<br>of the resident<br>population: 12.1 |
| { Illegitimate ...           | 4      | 1  | 3  |   |
|                              | —      | —  | —  |   |

Total ... 148    68    80

|                    |   |   |   |  |
|--------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Stillbirths ... .. | 6 | 3 | 3 | Rate per 1,000 total<br>(live and still)<br>births: 38.7 |
|--------------------|---|---|---|--|

|               |     |    |    |  |
|---------------|-----|----|----|--|
| Deaths ... .. | 127 | 70 | 57 | Death Rate per<br>1,000 of the esti-<br>mated resident<br>population: 10.3 |
|---------------|-----|----|----|--|

Deaths from Puerperal causes:—

|                               |            |  |
|-------------------------------|------------|--|
| Puerperal sepsis ... ..       | <i>Nil</i> | Rate per 1,000 (live<br>and still) births: |
| Other Puerperal causes ... .. | <i>Nil</i> |  |

Total ... .. *Nil*

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| All infants per 1,000 live births ... ..               | 40         |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births ...     | 40         |
| Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births ... | <i>Nil</i> |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ..          | <i>Nil</i> |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ... ..   | <i>Nil</i> |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years) ... .. | 1          |



## **SECTION B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.**

### **LABORATORY FACILITIES.**

Kent County Laboratory, Maidstone.

### **AMBULANCE FACILITIES.**

For Infectious Disease, one motor ambulance provided by the Council.

For General and Accident Cases, one motor ambulance provided by the Council.

### **NURSING FACILITIES.**

By Nursing Association and Health Visitor.

### **CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.**

Ante-natal Clinic, held monthly. Two Infant and Child Welfare Centres, held weekly.

### **HOSPITALS, PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY.**

Isolation Hospital provided by the Council.

Sevenoaks and Holmesdale Hospital, for General Cases. This is a Voluntary Hospital.

### **MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES.**

One full-time Health Visitor employed by the Council. The supervision of midwives is under the control of the Kent County Council.

### **INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR MOTHERS OR CHILDREN.**

None.

### HEALTH VISITORS.

One full-time Health Visitor employed by the Council.

### INFANT LIFE PROTECTION.

(under Part I. of the Children Act, 1908, as amended by the Children and Young Persons Act, 1932).

Duties carried out by the Council's Health Visitor, under the general supervision of the Medical Officer of Health.

### ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.

The Council, by agreement, participate in the general scheme of the Kent County Council.

### NURSING HOMES REGISTRATION ACT, 1927.

Medical Officer of Health of Local Supervising Authority:  
P. N. CAVE, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Action taken during the year under this Act, and the arrangements made for the supervision of maternity and nursing homes registered under the Act: Visits and inspections made as necessary.

### HEALTH REPORT.

The Urban District of Sevenoaks is situated in the Northern part of the Sevenoaks Rural District, by which it is entirely surrounded.

### AREA AND POPULATION.

The District has an area of 3,720 acres, this being an increase of 461 acres on the old area, which contained 3,259 acres. This is a result of the territory added under the Kent County Review Order, 1934.

At the time of the Census in 1921 the population was 9,060, and at the Census of 1931 the population was 10,484. The estimated population supplied by the Registrar-General for Mid-summer 1935 was 12,230.

In 1931 the number of inhabited houses was 2,056; and in 1935, 3,473.

The Rateable Value of the District is £139,950, and the sum represented by a penny rate £530.



The following Table shows the estimated population for the past twelve years, together with the actual populations at the times of the 1921 and 1931 Censuses:—

|                         | 1921<br>Census | 1931<br>Census | Estimated Populations |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                         |                |                | 1924                  | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928  | 1929  | 1930  | 1931  | 1932  | 1933  | 1934  | 1935  |
| Population              | 9060           | 10484          | 9171                  | 9191 | 9440 | 9598 | 10030 | 10180 | 11000 | 10270 | 10880 | 10990 | 11985 | 12230 |
| Inhabited<br>Houses ... | 2056           | 2498           | 2213                  | 2218 | 2263 | 2398 | 2498  | 2700  | 2409  | 2731  | 2824  | 2942  | 3361  | 3473  |

## VITAL STATISTICS.

### BIRTHS.

During the year 148 Births were registered as belonging to the District, of which number 68 were males and 80 were females. This is equal to an Annual Birth Rate of 12.1 per thousand of population, as compared with 13.2 last year.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 14.7 in 1935, and 14.8 in 1934.

The number of Births registered as being illegitimate was 4, of which 1 was a male and 3 were females.

There were also 6 stillbirths: 3 male and 3 female.

### DEATHS.

The number of Deaths registered during the year as belonging to this District was 127 (70 males and 57 females), as compared with 125 last year.

This number includes those deaths which, although occurring outside belonged to this District, but excludes deaths occurring inside the District but belonging to other districts.

The Death Rate for the year was equal to 10.3 per thousand of population, as against 10.5 last year.

The Death Rate in England and Wales was 11.7 in 1935, and 11.8 in 1934.

The diseases claiming the largest number of deaths were: Heart Disease 34, Cancer 25, and Pulmonary Tuberculosis 10.

### INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The number of deaths registered as occurring in Infants under one year of age was 6 (3 males and 3 females). Of these, all were legitimate.

The Infantile Mortality Rate was equal to 40 per thousand births, as compared with 38 last year.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 57; and for 1934, 59.

### DEATHS AT DIFFERENT AGES.

**Deaths in Children Between One and Five Years.**—One death occurred in a child between the ages of one and five years. This is equal to a Death Rate of 0.08 per thousand of population.

**Deaths in Persons of 65 Years and Over.**—The number of deaths registered as occurring in persons of 65 years and over was 61. This is equal to a Death Rate of 4.9 per thousand of population, and comprises 48.0 per cent. of total deaths.

## CAUSES OF DEATHS.

The Deaths in 1935 included:—

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Influenza              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Cancer                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Cerebral Hæmorrhage    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Heart Disease          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34 |
| Bronchitis             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Pneumonia              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Appendicitis           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Nephritis              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Suicide                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Accident               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |

The following Table shows the Birth Rate, Death Rate and Infantile Mortality Rate for the past twelve years:—

| Year | Birth Rate | Death Rate | Infantile Mortality Rate |
|------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 1935 | 12.1       | 10.3       | 40                       |
| 1934 | 13.2       | 10.5       | 38                       |
| 1933 | 10.1       | 12.5       | 8                        |
| 1932 | 12.5       | 12.1       | 21                       |
| 1931 | 11.6       | 9.7        | 41                       |
| 1930 | 11.9       | 9.9        | 38                       |
| 1929 | 10.2       | 12.2       | 57                       |
| 1928 | 13.0       | 10.9       | 37                       |
| 1927 | 12.7       | 11.4       | 40                       |
| 1926 | 10.8       | 13.0       | 19                       |
| 1925 | 14.2       | 11.6       | 45                       |
| 1924 | 13.4       | 11.7       | 82                       |



Table showing Deaths during the past thirteen years from Diseases having the chief influence on the Death Rate:—

| Year | Heart<br>Disease | Cancer | Cerebral<br>Hæmorrhage | Bron-<br>chitis | Pneu-<br>monia | Pulmon-<br>ary Tub-<br>erculosis |
|------|------------------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1935 | 34               | 25     | 4                      | 2               | 3              | 10                               |
| 1934 | 28               | 21     | 6                      | 6               | 5              | 4                                |
| 1933 | 37               | 18     | 12                     | 2               | 2              | 9                                |
| 1932 | 28               | 20     | 10                     | 2               | 3              | 5                                |
| 1931 | 19               | 14     | 8                      | 10              | 7              | 6                                |
| 1930 | 19               | 18     | 9                      | 4               | 5              | 7                                |
| 1929 | 18               | 16     | 10                     | 3               | 10             | 7                                |
| 1928 | 18               | 16     | 8                      | 1               | 6              | 4                                |
| 1927 | 17               | 12     | 5                      | 8               | 6              | 4                                |
| 1926 | 13               | 19     | 6                      | 2               | 5              | 12                               |
| 1925 | 19               | 13     | 13                     | 7               | 4              | 5                                |
| 1924 | 18               | 11     | 7                      | 5               | 3              | 7                                |
| 1923 | 12               | 22     | 11                     | 2               | 5              | 8                                |

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1935 (England and Wales, London, 121 Great Towns and 140 Smaller Towns):—

|   | England and<br>Wales | 121 County Boro's<br>and Great Towns<br>including London | 140 Smaller Towns<br>(Resident Popula-<br>tions 25,000 to<br>50,000, 1931 Census) | London<br>Administrative<br>County | Sevenoaks Urban<br>District |
|---|----------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rates per 1,000 Population  |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| BIRTHS:   |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| Live ... ..   | 14.7                 | 14.8   | 14.8  | 13.3                               | 12.1                        |
| Still ... ..  | 0.62                 | 0.68   | 0.64  | 0.52                               | 0.49                        |
| DEATHS:   |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| All Causes ... ..   | 11.7                 | 11.8   | 11.2  | 11.4                               | 10.3                        |
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid<br>Fever ... ..                                 | 0.00                 | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00                               | 0.00                        |
| Smallpox ... ..   | —                    | ...  | ...   | ...                                | 0.00                        |
| Measles ... ..  | 0.03                 | 0.04   | 0.03  | 0.00                               | 0.00                        |
| Scarlet Fever ... ..  | 0.01                 | 0.01   | 0.01  | 0.01                               | 0.00                        |
| Whooping Cough ... ..   | 0.04                 | 0.04   | 0.03  | 0.04                               | 0.00                        |
| Diphtheria ... ..   | 0.08                 | 0.09   | 0.07  | 0.06                               | 0.00                        |
| Influenza ... ..  | 0.18                 | 0.16   | 0.17  | 0.11                               | 0.24                        |
| Violence ... ..   | 0.52                 | 0.45   | 0.41  | 0.51                               | 0.40                        |
| NOTIFICATIONS:  |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| Smallpox ... ..   | ...                  | ...  | ...   | ...                                | 0.00                        |
| Scarlet Fever ... ..  | 2.96                 | 3.19   | 2.75  | 2.64                               | 0.40                        |
| Diphtheria ... ..   | 1.60                 | 1.36   | 1.34  | 2.25                               | 0.40                        |
| Enteric Fever ... ..  | 0.04                 | 0.04   | 0.06  | 0.05                               | 0.08                        |
| Erysipelas ... ..   | 0.42                 | 0.48   | 0.37  | 0.45                               | 0.24                        |
| Pneumonia ... ..  | 1.15                 | 1.36   | 0.98  | 0.89                               | 0.08                        |
| Rates per 1,000 Live Births   |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| Deaths under one year of<br>age ... ..                                  | 57                   | 62   | 55  | 58                                 | 40                          |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea and<br>Enteritis under two years<br>of age ... .. | 5.7                  | 7.9  | 3.8   | 11.2                               | 6.75                        |
| MATERNAL MORTALITY:   |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| Puerperal Sepsis ... ..   | 1.68                 | } Not available.   |   |                                    | 0.00                        |
| Others ... ..   | 2.42                 |  |   |                                    | 0.00                        |
| Total ... ..  | 4.10                 |  |   |                                    | 0.00                        |
| Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still)                      |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| MATERNAL MORTALITY:   |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| Puerperal Sepsis ... ..   | 1.61                 | } Not available.   |   |                                    | 0.00                        |
| Others ... ..   | 2.32                 |  |   |                                    | 0.00                        |
| Total ... ..  | 3.93                 |  |   |                                    | 0.00                        |
| NOTIFICATIONS:  |                      |  |   |                                    |                             |
| Puerperal Fever ... ..  | 3.60                 | 4.55   | 2.76  | 4.32                               | 6.49                        |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..  | 9.44                 | 11.14  | 8.25  | 11.89                              | 25.97                       |

VITAL STATISTICS—COMPARISON OF PRINCIPAL  
FEATURES DURING THE PAST THIRTEEN YEARS.

| Year ... ..   | 1935   | 1934   | 1933   | 1932   | 1931   | 1930   | 1929   | 1928   | 1927  | 1926  | 1925  | 1924  | 1923  |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Population ... ..                                     | 12,230 | 11,985 | 10,990 | 10,880 | 10,170 | 11,000 | 10,180 | 10,030 | 9,598 | 9,440 | 9,191 | 9,171 | 8,967 |
| Number of births ... ..                               | 148    | 156    | 112    | 137    | 120    | 131    | 104    | 134    | 122   | 102   | 131   | 123   | 125   |
| Birth-rate (per 1000 of population) ... ..            | 12.1   | 13.2   | 10.1   | 12.5   | 11.6   | 11.9   | 10.2   | 13.0   | 12.7  | 10.8  | 14.2  | 13.4  | 13.9  |
| Number of deaths registered ... ..                    | 127    | 125    | 138    | 132    | 100    | 109    | 125    | 110    | 110   | 123   | 107   | 108   | 106   |
| Death-rate (per 1000 of population) ... ..            | 10.3   | 10.5   | 12.5   | 12.1   | 9.7    | 9.9    | 12.2   | 10.9   | 11.4  | 13.0  | 11.6  | 11.7  | 11.8  |
| Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1000 registered births) | 40     | 38     | 8      | 21     | 41     | 38     | 57     | 37     | 40    | 19    | 45    | 82    | 56    |



### ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE.

The Zymotic Death Rate is a term commonly applied to the rate of deaths from the seven principal Zymotic complaints, viz.: Smallpox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea, and "Fever," which later includes Typhus, Typhoid (or Enteric) and Paratyphoid Fevers.

During the year 1 death occurred from these complaints, the Zymotic Death Rate being 0.08 per thousand of population.

### PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

The deaths occurring from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (Consumption or Phthisis) numbered 10. This is equal to a Death Rate of 0.81 per thousand of population.

### OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES.

The deaths from other diseases of the respiratory system numbered 7. This gives a Death Rate of 0.57 per thousand of population.

### CANCER.

The deaths from Cancer (malignant disease) were 25 (8 males and 17 females). The Death Rate from Cancer was therefore 2.04 per thousand of population.

### INFLUENZA.

During the year 3 deaths occurred from Influenza, the Death Rate being 0.24 per thousand of population.

## ANALYSIS OF DEATH RATES.

| Year |                             | All Causes | Zymotic Disease | Pulmonary Tuberculosis | Other Respiratory | Cancer | Influenza |
|------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1935 | Number of Deaths            | 127        | 1               | 10                     | 7                 | 25     | 3         |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 10.3       | 0.08            | 0.81                   | 0.57              | 2.04   | 0.24      |
| 1934 | Number of Deaths            | 125        | 2               | 4                      | 11                | 21     | 2         |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 10.5       | 0.16            | 0.32                   | 0.93              | 1.77   | 0.16      |
| 1933 | Number of Deaths            | 138        | 3               | 9                      | 10                | 18     | 4         |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 12.5       | 0.27            | 0.81                   | 0.90              | 1.63   | 0.36      |
| 1932 | Number of Deaths            | 132        | 1               | 5                      | 5                 | 20     | 12        |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 12.1       | 0.09            | 0.45                   | 0.45              | 1.83   | 1.10      |
| 1931 | Number of Deaths            | 100        | 1               | 6                      | 18                | 14     | 5         |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 9.7        | 0.09            | 0.58                   | 1.75              | 1.36   | 0.48      |
| 1930 | Number of Deaths            | 109        | 0               | 7                      | 9                 | 18     | 0         |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 9.9        | 0.0             | 0.63                   | 0.81              | 1.63   | 0.0       |
| 1929 | Number of Deaths            | 125        | 2               | 7                      | 14                | 16     | 12        |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 12.2       | 0.19            | 0.68                   | 1.37              | 1.57   | 1.17      |
| 1928 | Number of Deaths            | 110        | 0               | 4                      | 8                 | 16     | 1         |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 10.9       | 0.0             | 0.39                   | 0.79              | 1.5    | 0.09      |
| 1927 | Number of Deaths            | 110        | 1               | 4                      | 15                | 12     | 7         |
|      | Rate per 1000 of Population | 11.4       | 0.1             | 0.4                    | 1.5               | 1.2    | 0.7       |

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The year 1935 was a very satisfactory one from the point of view of incidence of Infectious Disease, there being only 24 notification certificates received as compared with 70 last year. There was a large decrease in both the number of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria cases notified. This is the lowest number of notifications in any year since 1928.

The following Table shows the number of cases notified, together with the number removed to hospital, and the number of deaths registered:—

| Disease                  | Number notified | Removed to Hospital | Total Deaths |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Scarlet Fever ... ..     | 5               | 5                   | ...          |
| Diphtheria ... ..        | 5               | 5                   | ...          |
| Typhoid Fever ... ..     | 1               | 1                   | ...          |
| Erysipelas ... ..        | 3               | 1                   | ...          |
| Puerperal Fever ... ..   | 1               | 1                   | ...          |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... .. | 4               | 1                   | ...          |
| Pneumonia ... ..         | 1               | ...                 | *3           |
| Measles ... ..           | 4               | ...                 | ...          |
| TOTALS ...               | 24              | 14                  | 3            |

\* All Forms



The following Table shows the number of cases notified during the last sixteen years:—

|                      | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1929 | 1930 | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Scarlet Fever        | 6    | 10   | 8    | 6    | 5    | 16   | 10   | 37   | 16   | 16   | 61   | 31   | 27   | 21   | 14   | 5    |
| Diphtheria           | 4    | ...  | 5    | 7    | 1    | 6    | 1    | 4    | 1    | 4    | ...  | 1    | 3    | 9    | 10   | 5    |
| Typhoid Fever        | 1    | ...  | ...  | 1    | 4    | ...  | 2    | ...  | 2    | 2    | 4    | 1    | ...  | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| Erysipelas           | 3    | 1    | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1    | 2    | 1    | ...  | 2    | 1    | ...  | 5    | ...  | 4    | 3    |
| Pneumonia            | ...  | 2    | ...  | ...  | 1    | 1    | 1    | 4    | 1    | 10   | 2    | 3    | 3    | 2    | 1    | 1    |
| Ophthalmia           | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1    | ...  | ...  | ...  | 2    | 1    | ...  | ...  |
| Neonatorum           | 2    | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1    | ...  | ...  | 1    | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Dysentery            | ...  | 1    | ...  | 1    | 1    | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1    | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Puerperal Fever      | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1    | ...  | ...  | 2    | ...  | 2    | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1    |
| Puerperal Pyrexia    | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | 2    | 4    |
| Encephalitis         | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Lethargica           | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1    | 2    | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Cerebro-spinal Fever | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1    | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Measles              | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | 3    | 165  | 2    | 39   | 4    | 37   | 4    |
| TOTALS               | 16   | 14   | 13   | 15   | 12   | 27   | 18   | 46   | 24   | 37   | 235  | 38   | 80   | 38   | 70   | 24   |

## MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

| Disease           | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | TOTAL |
|-------------------|------|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Scarlet Fever.    | ...  | ...  | 2    | ...   | ... | ...  | ...  | 1    | ...   | 1    | 1    | ...  | 5     |
| Diphtheria.       | 1    | ...  | ...  | ...   | ... | 1    | ...  | 2    | ...   | 1    | ...  | ...  | 5     |
| Erysipelas.       | 3    | ...  | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...   | ...  | ...  | ...  | 3     |
| Typhoid Fever     | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1     | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1     |
| Puerperal Fever   | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...   | ...  | ...  | 1    | 1     |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...   | 1   | 1    | 2    | ...  | ...   | ...  | ...  | ...  | 4     |
| Pneumonia         | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1     | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...   | ...  | ...  | ...  | 1     |
| Measles           | 1    | 1    | ...  | ...   | 1   | ...  | 1    | ...  | ..    | ...  | ...  | ...  | 4     |
| TOTALS ...        | 5    | 1    | 2    | 1     | 2   | 2    | 3    | 3    | 1     | 2    | 1    | 1    | 24    |

The Infectious Disease falls into the following age-groups:—

| 0-1 | 1-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-35 | 35-45 | 45 and over |
|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 1   | 1   | 5    | 1     | 12    | 2     | 2           |

### SCARLET FEVER.

I am again pleased to report a very large decrease in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever notified, there being 5 as against 14 last year and 21 in 1933. This is the lowest number recorded in any year since 1924.

All the patients were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

No deaths were registered again this year.

The age-groups were:—

| 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 |
|------|-------|-------|
| 3    | 1     | 1     |

### DIPHTHERIA.

There was also a large decrease in the number of cases of Diphtheria notified, viz.: 5 as against 10 last year.

All cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

I am pleased to report that again this year no deaths were registered from this disease.

### TYPHOID FEVER.

One case was notified, as against 2 last year.

The patient was removed to hospital.

### PUERPERAL FEVER.

One case was notified, this being the first case since 1930.

The patient was removed to hospital.



### PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

Four cases were notified, one of which was removed to hospital.

### MEASLES.

This disease was made compulsorily notifiable under the Sevenoaks (Measles) Regulations, 1929 (dated the 17th May, 1929), which came into force on the 1st July, 1929.

There were only 4 cases notified during the year, as compared with 37 last year.

No deaths were registered as occurring from Measles.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

During the year 16 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified, this being 4 more than last year.

The 16 cases comprised:—

|                      | Males | Females | Total |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Pulmonary ... ..     | 4     | 7       | 11    |
| Non-Pulmonary ... .. | 4     | 1       | 5     |
| Total ...            | 8     | 8       | 16    |

The number of deaths registered was 10, viz.:—

|                      | Males | Females | Total |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Pulmonary ... ..     | 8     | 2       | 10    |
| Non-Pulmonary ... .. | ...   | ...     | ...   |
| Total ...            | 8     | 2       | 10    |

The following Table shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year, together with the deaths, at various age-periods:—

| Age Periods.      | New Cases. |     |                |     | Deaths.    |     |                |     |
|-------------------|------------|-----|----------------|-----|------------|-----|----------------|-----|
|                   | Pulmonary. |     | Non Pulmonary. |     | Pulmonary. |     | Non-Pulmonary. |     |
|                   | M          | F   | M              | F   | M          | F   | M              | F   |
| Under 1 year ...  | ...        | ... | ...            | ... | ...        | ... | ...            | ... |
| 1 and under 5 ... | ...        | ... | 1              | ... | ...        | ... | ...            | ... |
| 5    ,,    10 ... | ...        | 1   | 2              | 1   | ...        | ... | ...            | ... |
| 10   ,,   15 ...  | ...        | ... | 1              | ... | ...        | ... | ...            | ... |
| 15   ,,   20 ...  | 2          | ... | ...            | ... | ...        | ... | ...            | ... |
| 20   ,,   25 ...  | 1          | 2   | ...            | ... | 1          | 1   | ...            | ... |
| 25   ,,   35 ...  | 1          | 1   | ...            | ... | 4          | 1   | ...            | ... |
| 35   ,,   45 ...  | ...        | 2   | ...            | ... | 3          | ... | ...            | ... |
| 45   ,,   55 ...  | ...        | 1   | ...            | ... | ...        | ... | ...            | ... |
| 55   ,,   65 ...  | ...        | ... | ...            | ... | ...        | ... | ...            | ... |
| 65 and over ...   | ..         | ... | ...            | ... | ...        | ... | ...            | ... |
| TOTALS ...        | 4          | 7   | 4              | 1   | 8          | 2   | ...            | ... |

Treatment for cases of Tuberculosis is carried out by the Kent County Council through the agency of their Tuberculosis Officers, and sanatorium treatment, where accommodation is available, is provided for both insured and uninsured persons.

During the year the following number of patients have received treatment:—

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Number of persons receiving sanatorium treatment ... | 15 |
| Number of persons receiving dispensary treatment ... | 8  |
| Dispensary supervision only ... ..                   | 18 |

### **PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.**

The above Regulations, which came into force on the 1st January, 1931, require, inter alia, that a weekly return of all cases of Tuberculosis notified should be sent to the County Medical Officer of Health. Also that the Medical Officer of Health should furnish the County Medical Officer with a quarterly statement showing:—

- (a) The number of cases on his register at the commencement of the quarter;
- (b) The number of cases notified to him for the first time during the quarter;
- (c) The number of cases removed by him in a preceding quarter and which have been restored to the register, giving the name and address of each case, and the reason for the restoration;
- (d) The number of cases added to the register during the quarter which have been brought to his knowledge other than by notification;
- (e) The number of cases removed from the register during the quarter, giving the name and address of each case, and the reason for removal;
- (f) The number of cases remaining on the register at the end of the quarter.

Previously most of these particulars were required under the 1924 Regulations.



Subjoined are the figures of the cases remaining on my register at the end of each quarter since the 1924 Regulations came into force:—

|                      | PULMONARY |    |       | NON-PULMONARY |    |       |
|----------------------|-----------|----|-------|---------------|----|-------|
|                      | M.        | F. | Total | M.            | F. | Total |
| 1925                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 15        | 19 | 34    | 12            | 16 | 28    |
| 30th June .....      | 15        | 19 | 35    | 14            | 17 | 31    |
| 30th September ....  | 16        | 20 | 36    | 15            | 17 | 32    |
| 31st December .....  | 13        | 20 | 33    | 15            | 17 | 32    |
| 1926                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 12        | 21 | 33    | 15            | 17 | 32    |
| 30th June .....      | 12        | 20 | 32    | 15            | 17 | 32    |
| 30th September ....  | 11        | 19 | 30    | 15            | 17 | 32    |
| 31st December .....  | 13        | 19 | 32    | 16            | 17 | 33    |
| 1927                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 14        | 20 | 34    | 17            | 17 | 34    |
| 30th June .....      | 16        | 21 | 37    | 17            | 18 | 35    |
| 30th September ....  | 16        | 22 | 38    | 17            | 18 | 35    |
| 31st December .....  | 18        | 23 | 41    | 17            | 19 | 36    |
| 1928                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 17        | 24 | 41    | 18            | 19 | 37    |
| 30th June .....      | 18        | 25 | 43    | 18            | 20 | 38    |
| 30th September ....  | 16        | 25 | 41    | 18            | 20 | 38    |
| 31st December .....  | 17        | 25 | 42    | 18            | 20 | 38    |
| 1929                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 18        | 24 | 42    | 18            | 20 | 38    |
| 30th June .....      | 19        | 24 | 43    | 18            | 21 | 39    |
| 30th September ....  | 19        | 25 | 44    | 18            | 22 | 40    |
| 31st December .....  | 19        | 24 | 43    | 18            | 22 | 40    |
| 1930                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 19        | 24 | 43    | 18            | 21 | 39    |
| 30th June .....      | 19        | 23 | 42    | 18            | 22 | 40    |
| 30th September ....  | 21        | 23 | 44    | 18            | 23 | 41    |
| 31st December .....  | 21        | 24 | 45    | 18            | 23 | 41    |
| 1931                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 19        | 24 | 43    | 18            | 23 | 41    |
| 30th June .....      | 19        | 23 | 42    | 17            | 23 | 40    |
| 30th September ....  | 18        | 24 | 42    | 17            | 23 | 40    |
| 31st December .....  | 18        | 24 | 42    | 17            | 23 | 40    |
| 1932                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 18        | 25 | 43    | 17            | 22 | 39    |
| 30th June .....      | 18        | 25 | 43    | 17            | 22 | 39    |
| 30th September ....  | 19        | 28 | 47    | 18            | 21 | 39    |
| 31st December .....  | 21        | 29 | 50    | 18            | 21 | 39    |
| 1933                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 23        | 28 | 51    | 18            | 21 | 39    |
| 30th June .....      | 21        | 28 | 49    | 17            | 22 | 39    |
| 30th September ....  | 20        | 27 | 47    | 17            | 22 | 39    |
| 31st December .....  | 20        | 27 | 47    | 17            | 22 | 39    |
| 1934                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 20        | 28 | 48    | 17            | 21 | 38    |
| 30th June .....      | 18        | 25 | 43    | 17            | 22 | 39    |
| 30th September ..... | 20        | 28 | 48    | 17            | 21 | 38    |
| 31st December .....  | 23        | 28 | 51    | 17            | 22 | 39    |
| 1935                 |           |    |       |               |    |       |
| 31st March .....     | 22        | 30 | 52    | 17            | 22 | 39    |
| 30th June .....      | 23        | 32 | 55    | 19            | 21 | 40    |
| 30th September ..... | 22        | 32 | 54    | 20            | 21 | 41    |
| 31st December .....  | 23        | 34 | 57    | 22            | 22 | 44    |

## PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No action was required to be taken during the year under the above Regulations in respect of Tuberculosis employees in the milk trade.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925 (SECTION 61).

There was no need for any action by the Council to secure the compulsory removal to hospital of any case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

### NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

**Whooping Cough.**—No deaths occurred from Whooping Cough during the year. Last year 2 deaths were registered.

**Diarrhoea and Enteritis** (under two years).—One death was registered.

**Cancer.**—Twenty-five deaths (8 males and 17 females) were registered, as compared with 21 last year. The Cancer Death Rate was equal to 2.04 per thousand of population.

### PATIENTS ADMITTED TO THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

During the year the following number of cases were admitted to the Isolation Hospital:—

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Scarlet Fever     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Diphtheria        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Typhoid Fever     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Erysipelas        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Puerperal Fever   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Tuberculosis      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |

The cases of Tuberculosis were admitted under an arrangement, which has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Health, between the Kent County Council and the Sevenoaks Urban District Council.

During the year 14 cases of Tuberculosis were discharged and 5 died.

**Disinfector.**—There is a Washington-Lyons Disinfector in the Hospital grounds, which is in efficient working order.

### LABORATORY WORK.

Bacteriological work in connection with this District is carried out at the Kent County Laboratory, Maidstone.

The following number of specimens have been examined there during the year:—

|  | Positive | Negative | Total |
|--|----------|----------|-------|
| Swabs for Diphtheria... ..                   | 5        | 79       | 84    |
| Sputa for Tubercle ... ..                    | 123      | 31       | 154   |
| Widals for Typhoid Fever ...                 | 1        | 3        | 4     |
| Faeces and urine for<br>Typhoid Fever ... .. | ...      | 2        | 2     |
| Totals ...                                   | 129      | 115      | 244   |

### PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

In every case of Infectious Disease notified, the case is visited and full particulars obtained. I am always glad to see any doubtful case in consultation with the Doctor in charge, and I have pleasure in recording the cordial co-operation I have received from all the Medical Practitioners in this respect. This, I am sure, is of great assistance in dealing with the incidence of Infectious Disease.

When any outbreak of Infectious Disease arises in connection with the scholars attending any school, whether a private school or a public elementary school, particular attention is always given to any possible factor which may be tending to cause the spread of infection.

### DISINFECTION.

A Washington-Lyons Disinfector has been provided by the Council, and is situated in the Hospital grounds at Oak Lane.

Fumigation of rooms is carried out as a routine measure in all cases of Infectious Disease.

### ISOLATION HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION.

In order to facilitate the Isolation Hospital treatment of Infectious Disease, an arrangement has been entered into by the Council with the Sevenoaks Rural District Council. Under



this, cases from the Urban and the Rural District can be treated either at the Urban District Council's Hospital, or at the North Isolation Hospital, Otford, under the control of the Rural District Council. The object of this is to increase the value of the available bed accommodation at the two Hospitals, and also to secure economy of working.

Further arrangements have been made for the temporary interchange of members of the nursing staffs at the two Hospitals, when practicable and desirable.

Under this arrangement, all five cases of Scarlet Fever were treated at the North Isolation Hospital, Otford; whilst all five Diphtheria cases, and the cases of Erysipelas, Typhoid Fever, Puerperal Fever, and Puerperal Pyrexia admitted to Hospital were treated at the Council's Isolation Hospital

#### ISOLATION HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

A complete Hospital is provided by the Council for the reception of cases of Infectious Disease, and is situated in Oak Lane, in the Urban District of Sevenoaks. Previously it was situated in the Sevenoaks Rural District, but was included in the Urban area by the Kent Review Order, 1934.

The accommodation consists of two separate pavilions, together with an administrative block, laundry, disinfecting block and mortuary.

Each of the pavilions contains six beds, and consists of three separate wards, containing one, two and three beds respectively. There are ample and suitable sanitary annexes to each pavilion.

A motor ambulance is kept for use for cases of Infectious Disease only.

Electric light has now been installed throughout the Hospital.

#### STAFF.

A permanent Matron and Nurse were appointed and commenced duty on 1st March, 1924.

In July, 1924, an arrangement was made with the Kent County Council, whereby the Council place the Southern



Pavilion at the disposal of the County Council for the reception of eight cases of Tuberculosis.

This was sanctioned by the Ministry of Health; and the first Tuberculosis patients were admitted on the 17th July, 1924. In July, 1925, arrangements were made by the County Council, with the sanction of the Ministry of Health, for the number of Tuberculosis patients to be increased from eight to twelve.

The staff at the Hospital now consists of:—

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 Matron           | 1 Laundress   |
| 1 Assistant Matron | 1 Housemaid   |
| 5 Nurses           | 2 Wardmaids   |
| 1 Cook             | 1 Betweenmaid |

The outdoor staff consists of one gardener and one assistant gardener.

#### RECREATION ROOM.

A Recreation Room has been added in connection with the Southern Block, to which it is connected by a covered way.

This has proved a very welcome addition and has added immeasurably to the comfort and well-being of the patients.

It is fully furnished, and has a wide verandah suitable for the accommodation of six or more bedsteads, thus enabling patients to be out in the open air night and day if so desired.

#### ULTRA-VIOLET RAY AND RADIANT HEAT APPARATUS.

The Council have installed at their Isolation Hospital an apparatus for the giving of artificial sunlight and radiant heat treatment to those Tuberculosis patients considered suitable subjects for this by the Medical Officers. The results up to date have been definitely beneficial.

#### HOSPITAL ANNEXE.

The policy of the Council in the establishment of the Hospital Annexe in the year 1925 has been fully justified. The usefulness of the Hospital has been largely increased thereby, as the additional accommodation has been of the greatest utility.

The alterations and additions to the annexe recently carried out, including the provision of a new bathroom, water closet and electric light, have proved very useful.

## DRAINAGE.

The Darenth Valley Main Sewerage Board was formed under the Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation (Darenth Valley) Act, 1878, of Representatives from the Sevenoaks Urban and Dartford and Sevenoaks Rural District Councils, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a trunk sewer through the Valley of the River Darenth from Westerham to Dartford, from which point the sewage is conveyed through the sewers of the Urban District Council of Dartford and the West Kent Main Sewerage Board to the Outfall Works of the latter Authority at Longreach. The area consists of those parts of the respective Districts lying between the Northern and Southern boundaries of the Darenth Watershed.

With the exception of outlying portions, which are on the cesspool system, the District is well sewered.

The following were the approximate number of each type of closet existing at the end of the year:—

|                                      |        |       |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Water closets draining to sewers ... | ...    | 4,679 |
| Water closets draining to cesspools  | ...    | 129   |
| Earth closets or privies             | ... .. | 2     |
| Pail closets ... ..                  | ...    | 6     |

The following sewer extensions were carried out during the year:—

| Bradbourne Park Estate—     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Length.  | Diameter. |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----------|
| Bradbourne Vale Road        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 850 feet | 9in.      |
| Broomfield Road             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 750 feet | 9in.      |
| Betenson Avenue             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 480 feet | 9in.      |
| do. do.                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 564 feet | 9in.      |
| do. do.                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 180 feet | 9in.      |
| Road No. 2 (Sandfield Road) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 428 feet | 9in.      |
| Road No. 3 (Crawshay Road)  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 168 feet | 9in.      |
| Road No. 4 (Hawthorn Road)  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 300 feet | 9in.      |
| Road No. 5                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 140 feet | 9in.      |

White Hart Estate—

|                                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |            |      |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------|
| Road No. 1                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,680 feet | 9in. |
| Road No. 2                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 920 feet   | 9in. |
| Rectory Farm (private drain)          |     |     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 448 feet   | 4in. |
| Seal Road (private drain)             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 525 feet   | 4in. |
| Stamford Lodge Estate (private drain) |     |     |     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 425 feet   | 6in. |

## SANITARY STATISTICS.

| No. of Houses connected to the sewer | No. of Houses not connected to sewers | No. of Houses not provided with a piped water supply | No. of wells still in use for purpose of domestic supply |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 3351                                 | 128                                   | ...  | ...  |

## SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

| W.C.'s | Pan or Pail Closets | Midden Privies | Ashpits separate from Midden Privies | Cesspools |                    |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
|        |                     |                |                                      | No. of    | No. of houses into |
| 4808   | 6                   | 2*             | ...                                  | 122       | 122                |

\* These serve outdoor workers on a farm.

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There is only one Swimming Bath in the Area, which is a Public Swimming Bath owned by the Council. This is covered in and run in connection with slipper baths.

An efficient purification plant for combined filtration and chlorination was installed during 1935.

## WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the District is supplied with water by the mains of the Sevenoaks Water Works Company.

The water is in every way suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

The new Pumping Station at Cramptons Road, Sevenoaks, was brought into use by the Sevenoaks Water Works Company, and as from April, 1935, no water has been pumped from the old Works at Oak Lane, Sevenoaks.

Bacteriological examination of the water has been carried out at intervals.

The following new water mains were laid during the year :—

- 411 yards of 6in. main in Otford Road and Tonbridge Road.
- 1,381 yards of 4in. main in White Hart Estate, Bradbourne Park Estate and Mill Pond Wood Estate.
- 1,405 yards of 3in. main in Bradbourne Park Estate, Cramptons Road, Wildernesse Mount and Swaffield Road.



## HOUSE REFUSE REMOVAL.

The collection of house refuse is undertaken by the Council, the refuse being collected by means of two mechanically-driven covered vehicles.

During the year the collection was extended to the new area taken over from the Sevenoaks Rural District.

The refuse is deposited on a low-lying stretch of land belonging to the Council opposite Greatness Mill.

The method of disposal adopted is that of controlled tipping on the Bradford system. This is done by employees of the Council working under the direction and supervision of the Surveyor.

This method has proved satisfactory, and the results are excellent. The costs are far less than would have been the case if a Destructor had been established.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT.

It was not found necessary to take action during the year with regard to nuisances arising from the emission of smoke.

## HOUSING STATISTICS.

During the year the following number of new houses have been erected:—

|                            |     |     |     |     |     |            |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| By the Council             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |
| By other bodies or persons | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 112        |

## HOUSING.

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |            |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 121        |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 238        |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 70         |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 161        |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |



- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... .. *Nil*

**2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.** ...

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... .. 55

**3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.**

(a) Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs *Nil*

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners ... .. *Nil*

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners *Nil*

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. *Nil*

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners ... .. *Nil*

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners *Nil*

(c) Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... *Nil*

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. *Nil*

(d) Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... .. *Nil*

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... .. *Nil*

## **RIVERS AND STREAMS.**

All watercourses within the District receive constant supervision.

No action was found necessary during the year.

## **MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.**

The Council is responsible for the Maternity and Child Welfare work in this District, which does not come within the general scheme of the Kent County Council.

An annual grant of £210 is made to the Local Nursing Association (which is affiliated to the Kent Nursing Association and the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses).

In return for this the services of one of the Association's Nurses are available as the District Health Visitor.

The Council has established two Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, viz.: one at "Dorset House," St. John's Road, the other being at Church House, High Street.

Both these Centres are held under the auspices of the Sevenoaks Mothers' and Babies' Welfare Association. An annual grant of £120 is made by the District Council to this Association. This Association is affiliated to the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare.

Sessions are held on each Thursday at both Centres at 3.0 p.m.

Dr. A. Carnarvon Brown is the Medical Officer in charge, and he attends each Centre for half an hour in order to see any case requiring medical attention.

Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil and Malt, and Virol, etc., are supplied, on payment, to the mothers through the Centre.

## **ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.**

An Ante-natal Clinic has been established by the Council at "Dorset House," St. John's Road.

Sessions are held on the third Monday in each month at 2.30 p.m.

Dr. A. Carnarvon Brown is the Medical Officer in charge

During the year 12 sessions were held. The number of attendances was 144 and the average attendance per session was 12.

## ATTENDANCES AT CENTRES.

|                              | Church House. | Dorset House. |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Number of names on register: |               |               |
| Mothers ... ..               | 34            | 125           |
| Children ... ..              | 42            | 161           |
| Number of attendances:       |               |               |
| Mothers ... ..               | 725           | 1,648         |
| Children ... ..              | 875           | 2,071         |
| Number of sessions held ...  | 46            | 46            |
| Attendances per session:     |               |               |
| Mothers ... ..               | 27.06         | 35.8          |
| Children ... ..              | 19            | 48            |

## SUNLIGHT TREATMENT.

A valuable addition to the Child Welfare work was the installation of the necessary apparatus to enable sunlight treatment to be given to those needing it. This has proved to be of great benefit, and has been much appreciated.

During the year 94 sessions were held, at which 840 treatments were given to 38 children.

## FREE AND ASSISTED SUPPLY OF MILK TO EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS.

During the year 581 pints of milk were supplied free, and 687 lbs. of dried milk were supplied at cost price, to various families in the District.

## NURSING OF MEASLES, WHOOPING COUGH, EPIDEMIC DIARRHOEA, POLIOMYELITIS, ETC.

The Health Visitor pays visits in cases of the above-named diseases which may require her services. This has proved a valuable addition to the Public Health services, and much good work has been done.

## VOLUNTARY WORK IN CONNECTION WITH MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

I have very great pleasure in again placing on record my appreciation of the excellent work carried out during the year 1935 by the Voluntary Workers of the Mothers' and Babies' Welfare Association.



The high standard of their work has been fully maintained, and year by year their activities are increasing.

During the year under review, through the generosity of a private donor, an Ultra-Violet Ray Lamp has been given for the use of the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic; thus artificial sunlight treatment is available for the children requiring the same.

The Dental scheme has again proved very useful, and is much appreciated.

Owing to the growth of the town and the surrounding district, the number of mothers and babies availing themselves of the Clinics is always increasing, and so far as can be judged, is likely to continue to do so.

The extra work this entails has been most cheerfully carried out by the Voluntary Workers, and I can only repeat that, as in former years, we all owe a very deep debt of gratitude to them for their unselfish work.

### HEALTH VISITOR.

The Council employs one full-time Health Visitor, who works under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health.

The following number of visits have been paid by her during the year:—

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Number of visits to births and infants under one       |       |
| year of age ... ..                                     | 1,071 |
| Number of visits to children between one and five      |       |
| years ... ..   | 1,067 |
| Number of visits to cases of Measles ... ..            | 21    |
| Visits <i>re</i> Scarlet Fever, Chicken-pox and German |       |
| Measles ... ..   | 114   |
| Visits <i>re</i> Whooping Cough ... ..                 | 16    |
| Visits to expectant mothers ... ..                     | 58    |
| Miscellaneous visits ... ..                            | 37    |
|  | <hr/> |
| Total ... ..   | 2,384 |
|  | <hr/> |

### SCHOOLS.

There are four elementary and two secondary schools within the District.

The Kent County Council carries out the medical inspection of school children.



Inspection is made from time to time of the lavatory accommodation at all the schools. All schools are connected to the main drainage system.

All schools are supplied with a main water supply.

No schools were closed during the year in consequence of the prevalence of Infectious Disease amongst the scholars.

### **NURSING AND MATERNITY HOMES.**

The powers under the Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927, have been delegated to the District Council by the Kent County Council.

There are seven Maternity and Nursing Homes registered within the District.

These provide 13 beds for maternity cases, and 30 beds for other cases.

### **REGULATED TRADES.**

#### **DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.**

There are 14 premises registered as Dairies and Cowsheds within the District, this being 2 more than last year.

During the year 219 visits of inspection were paid, and in 7 instances defects were found.

#### **MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1923.**

During the year the Council granted the following number of Licences under the above-named Order:—

|                |     |     |     |     |   |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Certified      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Grade A (T.T.) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Pasteurised    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

#### **MILK SUPPLY.**

The farms and dairies in the area are regularly visited, and during the year large model dairy premises were erected at Clenches Farm, Sevenoaks, together with an A.P.V. Pasteurisation plant.

During the year 27 samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological examination under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923, and one sample for the Tubercle bacillus.

### **SLAUGHTERHOUSES.**

There are 4 Slaughterhouses within the District, of which 2 are licensed and 2 are registered.

During the year 516 visits were paid, and in 6 instances defects were found.

## PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924.

The above Regulations came into force on the 1st April, 1925, and an opportunity is afforded for the inspection of carcasses of animals slaughtered for human consumption.

During the year the following number of carcasses examined were :—

|        |     |     |     |     |       |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Beasts | ... | ... | ... | ... | 165   |
| Calves | ... | ... | ... | ... | 321   |
| Sheep  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,489 |
| Pigs   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,186 |

The amount of food destroyed as being unfit for human consumption was :—

|            |     |     |                      |
|------------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| Beef       | ... | ... | 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs. |
| Pork       | ... | ... | 1 cwt. 1 qr.         |
| Other food | ... | ... | 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs |

## BAKEHOUSES.

There are 10 Bakehouses in the District, to which 82 visits have been paid.

Four defects were found.

## OTHER FOOD PREPARING PLACES.

There are 38 other premises in which food is prepared for human consumption.

During the year 370 visits have been paid to these premises.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES AND HOUSES-LET-IN-LODGINGS.

There are no Common Lodging Houses nor Houses-Let-in-Lodgings in the District.

## RAG FLOCK ACT.

There are no premises within the District to which the above-named Act applies.

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 85 premises within the District, of which 21 are Factories and 64 are Workshops.

During the year 127 visits were paid, and in 8 instances defects were found.

A detailed list of the Factories and Workshops remaining at the end of the year is shown in the following Table:—

|                                  | Factories. | Workshops. | Total.    |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Motor and Cycle Works ... ..     | 4          | 6          | 11        |
| Laundries ... ..                 | 2          | 8          | 10        |
| Brewery ... ..                   | 1          | ...        | 1         |
| Printing Works ... ..            | 3          | ...        | 3         |
| Hotel ... ..                     | 1          | ...        | 1         |
| Builders and Carpenters ... ..   | 3          | 6          | 9         |
| Millers ... ..                   | 1          | ...        | 1         |
| Saw Mills ... ..                 | 2          | ...        | 2         |
| Shoeing Forges and Engineers ... | 1          | 5          | 6         |
| Gas Works ... ..                 | 1          | ...        | 1         |
| Water Works ... ..               | 1          | ...        | 1         |
| Carriage Makers and Wheelwrights | ...        | 1          | 1         |
| Dressmakers and Tailors ... ..   | ...        | 18         | 18        |
| Upholsterers ... ..              | ...        | 4          | 4         |
| Harness Makers ... ..            | ...        | 2          | 2         |
| Boot Makers and Repairers ... .. | ...        | 8          | 8         |
| Wine Merchants ... ..            | ...        | 1          | 1         |
| Mineral Water Makers ... ..      | ...        | ...        | ...       |
| Photographers... ..              | ...        | 1          | 1         |
| Stonemasons ... ..               | ...        | 1          | 1         |
| Watchmakers ... ..               | ...        | 3          | 3         |
| Cleaners and Dyers ... ..        | 1          | ...        | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> ... ..              | <b>21</b>  | <b>64</b>  | <b>86</b> |

### INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector, or Inspectors of Nuisances.

| PREMISES   | Number of   |                  |                       |
|--|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Inspections | Written Notices. | Occupiers Prosecuted. |
| <b>FACTORIES</b> ... ..<br>(Including Factory Laundries)       | 52          | 3                | ...                   |
| <b>WORKSHOPS</b> ... ..<br>(Including Workshop Laundries)      | 75          | 5                | ...                   |
| <b>WORKPLACES</b> ... ..<br>(Other than Out-workers' premises) | 23          | ...              | ...                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> ... ..  | <b>150</b>  | <b>8</b>         | <b>...</b>            |

## DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

| Particulars.  | Number of Defects.      |          |                             | Number of offences in respect to which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---|
|   | Found                   | Remedied | Referred to H.M. Inspector. |   |
| (1)   | (2)                     | (3)      | (4)                         | (5)   |
| <i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—*</i>   |                         |          |                             |   |
| Want of cleanliness ... ..  | 7                       | 7        | —                           | —   |
| Want of ventilation ... ..  | —                       | —        | —                           | —   |
| Overcrowding ... ..   | —                       | —        | —                           | —   |
| Want of drainage of floors ... ..   | —                       | —        | —                           | —   |
| Other nuisances ... ..  | —                       | —        | —                           | —   |
| Sanitary accommodation {  | insufficient ... ..     | 1        | 1                           | —   |
|   | unsuitable or defective | —        | —                           | —   |
|   | not separate for sexes  | —        | —                           | —   |
| <i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>  |                         |          |                             |   |
| Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s.101) ... ..  | —                       | —        | —                           | —   |
| Other offences ... ..   | —                       | —        | —                           | —   |
| Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921 |                         |          |                             |   |
| TOTAL ... ..  | 8                       | 8        | —                           | —   |

\* Including those specified in Sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.



## SUMMARY OF REGULATED TRADES.

|                                  | No. of<br>Premises | Visits<br>Paid | Defects |          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|----------|
|                                  |                    |                | Found   | Remedied |
| Dairies. }                       | 14                 | 219            | 7       | 7        |
| Cowsheds. }                      |                    |                |         |          |
| Bakehouses.                      | 10                 | 82             | 4       | 4        |
| Slaughterhouses                  |                    |                |         |          |
| Registered                       | 2 }                | 516            | 6       | 6        |
| Licensed                         | 2 }                |                |         |          |
| Other food pre-<br>paring places | 38                 | 370            | 4       | 4        |
| Factories.                       | 21                 | 52             | 3       | 3        |
| Workshops.                       | 64                 | 75             | 5       | 5        |
| Workplaces.                      | 6                  | 23             | —       | —        |
| Common Lodging<br>Houses         | —                  | —              | —       | —        |
| Houses let in<br>lodgings        | —                  | —              | —       | —        |
| TOTALS                           | 157                | 1337           | 29      | 29       |

## **FOOD AND DRUGS ADULTERATION ACT, 1928.**

The Kent County Council carries out the duties under the above-named Act.

## **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

I am pleased to report that on no occasion was it found necessary during the year to institute legal proceedings to enforce the abatement of a nuisance.

## **AMBULANCES.**

**For Infectious Cases.**—The Council has provided a motor ambulance for the removal of Infectious Disease cases.

**For General and Accident Cases.**—A motor ambulance has been provided by the Council for the removal of accident and general cases. (Telephone: Sevenoaks 188.)

There is also a privately owned ambulance available.

## **MIDWIVES.**

The supervision of Midwives is under the control of the Kent County Council.

The following Midwives have given Notice of Intention to Practice in this District:—

G. M. Dunk, Dorset House, St. John's Road.

C. B. Maynard, 60 Granville Road.

L. Mitchell, Carrick Grange Nursing Home.

W. G. Hemmings, Dorset House, St. John's Road.

## **ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYE-LAWS.**

The following are the Adoptive Acts, Byelaws and Regulations in force in the District:—

Byelaws as to the cleansing of footways and pavements, removal of house refuse, and cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits and cesspools.

Byelaws as to nuisances.

Byelaws with respect to the drainage of existing buildings.

Byelaws with respect to pleasure grounds.

Byelaws as to prevention of nuisances arising from snow.

Byelaws as to regulation of public baths.

Byelaws as to slaughterhouses.

Byelaws with respect to Hackney Carriages.

Byelaws with respect to Sevenoaks Market. Allowed by the Ministry of Health on the 26th May, 1926.

Byelaws and regulations with respect to the management of the Cemetery.

Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings. Adopted 1928.

Byelaws with respect to slaughterhouses. Allowed by the Ministry of Health on the 21st May, 1929.

The Sevenoaks (Measles) Regulations, 1929. Dated 17th May, 1929.

The Sevenoaks Town Planning Scheme (Interim Development) Order, 1928. Dated 9th July, 1928.

Byelaws with respect to advertisements. Adopted 1934.

The following Adoptive Acts are in force in the District:—

The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890, and Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, have been in force in the District since 1st June, 1901.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33 (Part II.); Sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 (Part III.); Sections 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67 (Part IV.); Sections 76, 77 (Part VI.).

Section 91 (Part IX.); Section 95, Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

Section 19 adopted in 1933.

Public Health Act, 1925, Part II., Sections 13 to 35 inclusive (excluding Sections 21 and 22); Part III., Sections 36 to 43 inclusive; and Part IV., Sections 45 to 50 inclusive.

Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1935.

| Disease.             | NUMBER CASES NOTIFIED. |                    |                  |     |     |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |                | Total<br>Cases removed<br>to Hospital. | Deaths. |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|--|---------|
|                      | At all<br>Ages.        | at ages—years.     |                  |     |     |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |                |  |         |
|                      |                        | Under<br>1<br>year | 1 and<br>under 2 | 2—3 | 3—4 | 4—5 | 5—10 | 10—15 | 15—20 | 20—35 | 35—45 | 45—65 | 65 and<br>over |  |         |
| Scarlet Fever        | 5                      | ...                | ...              | ... | ... | 3   | 1    | 1     | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | 5              | ...                                    |         |
| Diphtheria ...       | 5                      | ...                | ...              | 1   | ... | 2   | ...  | ...   | 2     | ...   | ...   | ...   | 5              | ...                                    |         |
| Typhoid Fever        | 1                      | ...                | ...              | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   | 1     | ...   | ...   | ...   | 1              | ...                                    |         |
| Erysipelas ...       | 3                      | ...                | ...              | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | 1     | 2     | ...   | 1              | ...                                    |         |
| Puerperal<br>Fever   | 1                      | ...                | ...              | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   | 1     | ...   | ...   | ...   | 1              | ...                                    |         |
| Puerperal<br>Pyrexia | 4                      | ...                | ...              | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   | 4     | ...   | ...   | ...   | 1              | 3                                      |         |
| Pneumonia ...        | 1                      | ...                | ...              | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | 1     | ...   | ...   | ...            | ...                                    |         |
| Measles              | 4                      | 1                  | ...              | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 2     | 1     | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...            | ...                                    |         |
| TOTALS ...           | 24                     | 1                  | ...              | 1   | ... | 5   | 1    | 3     | 9     | 2     | 2     | ...   | 14             | 3                                      |         |



## DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1935.

| Disease   | Males.    | Females.  | Total.     |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ...                                  | —         | —         | —          |
| Measles ... ..  | —         | —         | —          |
| Scarlet Fever... ..   | —         | —         | —          |
| Whooping Cough ... ..   | —         | —         | —          |
| Diphtheria ... ..   | —         | —         | —          |
| Influenza ... ..  | 2         | 1         | 3          |
| Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..                                      | —         | —         | —          |
| Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..   | —         | —         | —          |
| Tuberculosis of respiratory system                                  | 8         | 2         | 10         |
| Other tuberculous diseases ... ..                                   | —         | —         | —          |
| Syphilis ... ..   | —         | —         | —          |
| General Paralysis of the Insane,<br>Tabes Dorsalis ... ..           | —         | —         | —          |
| Cancer ... ..   | 8         | 17        | 25         |
| Diabetes ... ..   | 1         | —         | 1          |
| Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.... ..                                    | 1         | 3         | 4          |
| Heart disease ... ..  | 17        | 17        | 34         |
| Aneurism ... ..   | 2         | —         | 2          |
| Other circulatory diseases ... ..                                   | 4         | 3         | 7          |
| Bronchitis ... ..   | 1         | 1         | 2          |
| Pneumonia (all forms) ... ..  | 1         | 2         | 3          |
| Other respiratory diseases ... ..                                   | 2         | —         | 2          |
| Peptic Ulcer ... ..   | 1         | —         | 1          |
| Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) ... ..                              | 1         | —         | 1          |
| Appendicitis ... ..   | 1         | —         | 1          |
| Cirrhosis of the liver ... ..                                       | —         | —         | —          |
| Other diseases of the liver, etc. ... ..                            | —         | —         | —          |
| Other digestive diseases ... ..                                     | 3         | —         | 3          |
| Acute and chronic Nephritis ... ..                                  | 2         | 1         | 3          |
| Puerperal Sepsis ... ..   | —         | —         | —          |
| Other Puerperal causes ... ..                                       | —         | —         | —          |
| Congenital debility, premature birth,<br>malformations, etc. ... .. | 1         | 2         | 3          |
| Senility ... ..   | 2         | 2         | 4          |
| Suicide ... ..  | 3         | 1         | 4          |
| Other violence ... ..   | 1         | —         | 1          |
| Other defined diseases ... ..                                       | 8         | 4         | 12         |
| Ill-defined or unknown ... ..                                       | ...       | 1         | 1          |
| <b>TOTALS ... ..</b>  | <b>70</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>127</b> |

## REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Council Offices,  
Argyle Road,  
Sevenoaks.

April, 1936.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting you a summary of the work carried out in the public Health Department during the year 1935, together with the extensions of the Sanitary Services.

### GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

The routine inspections of the District under the Public Health, Housing, Factory and Workshop Act, Milk and Dairies Order, and Public Health (Meat) Regulations have been carried out, and all nuisances and defects have been dealt with by informal action.

The Shops Act, 1934, has placed additional requirements upon the Public Health Department, and during the year I commenced the inspection of the shops under this Act.

The provision of new houses by private enterprise was well maintained during the year, and there are but few cases on the Council's Register of applicants for Council houses who are in rooms.

During the year 7 insanitary cottages were demolished voluntarily by the owners, following informal action, and proper accommodation was found for the tenants either in Council houses or other houses in the town.

### DRAINAGE.

The following new surface water sewer extensions were carried out during the year:—

| SURFACE WATER SEWERS.  |     |     |     |     |     |     | Length.    | Diameter. |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----------|
| Bradbourne Park Estate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,002 feet | 9in.      |
| White Hart Estate      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,300 feet | 6in.      |
| do. do.                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 730 feet   | 9in.      |

During the year 112 new houses were erected in the Area. Of these, 104 were connected to the main sewer, and 8 on cesspool or septic tank drainage. The mechanical cesspool emptier is much appreciated for the emptying of cesspools, and no complaints were received when the street gullies and pits were emptied, which proves, in my opinion, that this system of cleansing is a marked increase in the sanitary services of the town.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

I am pleased to record that no complaints were received during the year under this heading.

## MILK SUPPLY AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The milk supply to the town continues to be drawn chiefly from the Rural Areas. Frequent inspections are made of all the Registered Premises under the Milk and Dairies Order, and on the whole these were found satisfactory.

During the year I obtained 27 samples of Graded Milk in the town under the Milk (Special Designations) Order at the request of the Ministry of Health, and submitted these for Bacteriological Examination, and a copy of these reports are filed in this Department.

During the year new model dairy premises were erected at Clenches Farm, together with the installation of a mechanical bottle washer. A new dairy was also erected at Bradbourne Farm to replace the old one which had become insanitary, and in both cases I consider a distinct improvement has been effected in the distribution of the milk.

During the year 6 cwts. 3 qrs. of unsound food was surrendered and destroyed as being unfit for human consumption. The Slaughterhouses and Food Preparing Places have been regularly visited, and special attention paid to the sale of food in the Sevenoaks Market which is held each Monday.

I wish to add my thanks to Mr. R. Rogers, Clerk in my Department, for the assistance he has rendered during the year.

The number and nature of inspections made during the year were as follows:—

|                           |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Housing visits            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 238   |
| Nuisances                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 112   |
| Infectious Diseases       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 99    |
| Milk and Dairies Order    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 219   |
| Slaughterhouses           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 516   |
| Food Preparing Places     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 370   |
| Bakehouses                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 82    |
| Miscellaneous Visits      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 166   |
| Revisits                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 242   |
| Petroleum Act             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 80    |
| Shops Act                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35    |
| Factory and Workshops Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 150   |
| Total                     |     |     |     |     |     | 2,309 |
| Statutory Notices Served  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     |
| Informal Notices Served   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 166   |

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently.

W. J. GYPPS,

Sanitary Inspector.







